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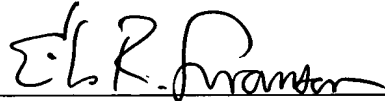
REMARKS

Claims 1-15 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE00/01636 have been canceled, and new claims 16-55 have been added. Amendments were made to the specification to adapt it to U.S. practice and to the abstract for the same purpose and to more accurately reflect the invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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